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Sir,

This correspondence is in response to the election requirement mailed to applicant on October 21, 2003.

Claims 1-4, 8-16, and 18-29 are pending in the application, and are subject to the above mention restriction requirement.

In accordance with MPEP §809(02) and consonant with the restriction requirement applicant hereby, without prejudice, provisionally elects for prosecution on the merits the species identified by the Examiner as Group B, namely a sealer comprising a slotted, hollow cylinder for matingly engaging a rod secured to a flexible container.

The claims readable on the elected species are: 13-16, 18, 19, 21-23.

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be examined in accordance with the above election.

Applicant also respectfully requests that if at any time during the pendency of this application it is believed that a telephone interview with applicants' agent, Shalom Wertsberger, at telephone No. (207) 799-9733.

Respectfully submitted



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